

Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

William Alan Eaton, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Paul A. Trivelli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Victoria Nuland, of Connecticut, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Linda Jewell, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

John F. Tefft, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Georgia. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

30 Army nominations in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

55 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

Routine list in the Coast Guard. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

Routine list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William Anderson, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Philip D. Morrison, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

A routine list in the Air Force. **Pages S6065–72**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—129) **Page S5997**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 167, adjourned at 9:02 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6065.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), after receiving testimony from Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report to Congress on international economic and exchange rate policies, focusing on imbalances in the global economy, and China's currency regime, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

AVIATION CAPACITY AND CONGESTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine aviation capacity and congestion challenges regarding summer 2005 and future demand, focusing on traffic and delay trends, factors contributing to the increased system complexity, how the aviation community is responding, and the specific actions that must be pursued in order to meet the forecasted demand and maintain global leadership in aviation safety, capacity, and efficiency, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Civil Aviation Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Amr A. ElSawy, MITRE Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to enhance the energy security of the United States.

NRC OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), focusing on challenges facing the NRC in effectively carrying out its mission, especially in overseeing the security and safety of nuclear power plants in the United States, after receiving testimony from Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., Commissioner, and Gregory B. Jaczko, Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Jim Wells, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Marilyn C. Kray, Exelon Nuclear, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, on behalf of NuStart Energy Development; and Edwin S. Lyman, Union of Concerned Scientists, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn; and Sean

Ian McCormack, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rodolphe M. Vallee, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, who was introduced by Senators Leahy and Jeffords; Molly Hering Bordonaro, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, who was introduced by Senators Smith and Wyden; and Ann Louise Wagner, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, who was introduced by Senators Bond and Talent, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONTAINER SECURITY INITIATIVE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the container security initiative and the customs-trade partnership against terrorism, focusing on how Customs utilizes container security initiative and customs trade partnership against terrorism in connection with its other enforcement programs and review the requirements for and challenges involved in transitioning these from promising risk management concepts to effective and sustained enforcement operations, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti, Inc., Washington, D.C., former Assistant Secretary of Border and Transportation Security Policy, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, Government Accountability Office; and Commander Stephen E. Flynn, USCG (Ret.), Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

PRIVATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the effectiveness of federal financing of private research and development, and whether some of these programs result in the development of new technologies or displace private investment, after receiving testimony from Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Brian Riedl, The Heritage Foundation, and Charles W. Wessner, National Research Council, The National Academies, both of Washington, D.C.

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relating to the 21st century workplace, focusing on preparing for tomorrow's employment trends today, after receiving testimony from Tamara J. Erickson, The Concours Group, Watertown, Massachusetts; and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, and Jared Bernstein, Economic Policy Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, with amendments; and

The nominations of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Paul D. Clement, of Virginia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Anthony Jerome Jenkins, of Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Gretchen C.F. Shappert, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, all of the Department of Justice.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship concluded a hearing to examine the need for comprehensive immigration reform relating to the national economy,

focusing on the proposed Temporary Worker Program recognizing that the economy relies on temporary foreign workers to fill workforce shortages when there are insufficient numbers of willing or able domestic workers, after receiving testimony Steven J. Law, Deputy Secretary of Labor; Thomas J. Donahue, United States Chamber of Commerce, and Daniel Griswold, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Douglas S. Massey, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

VA DISABILITY CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine challenges facing the VA claims adjudication and appeal process, focusing on the current state of VA's disability claims process and factors that may impede VA's ability to improve performance, after receiving testimony from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary for Benefits, Ronald Garvin, Acting Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and Robert H. Epley, Associate Deputy Under Secretary for Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Kenneth B. Kramer, former Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; Robert Chisholm, National Organization of Veterans Advocates, Providence, Rhode Island; and Rick Surratt, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 97 public bills, H.R. 2646–2742; 1 private bill, H.R. 2743; and 13 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52; H. Con. Res. 167–173; and H. Res. 299–302, were introduced. **Pages H4138–42**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H4142**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1496, to return general aviation to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, amended (H. Rept. 109–98);

H.R. 2293, to provide special immigrant status for aliens serving as translators with the United States Armed Forces, amended (H. Rept. 109–99); and

H.J. Res. 27, resolution withdrawing the approval of the United States from the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization, adversely (H. Rept. 109–100). **Page H4138**

Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for FY